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that seasonal remissions to the extent of Rs. 88,740 had to be sanctioned during the year in almost all the Taluks in the District.

451. Sufficient fodder for cattle and drinking water for both men and cattle were available and no necessity arose to adopt any special measures in this connection.

452. Loans and advances were sanctioned during the year as usual. The scheme of giving subsidies for the sinking or deepening of irrigation wells to grow food crops to step up production continued to be in force in all the Districts during the year.

Cattle Mortality.

453. There was a general increase in the total mortality as compared with the preceding year. Necessary preventive measures were adopted by the Veterinary Department in co-operation with the local Revenue Officers to check the spread of cattle diseases.

(vii) Co-operative Societies and Land Mortgage Banks.

454. The following statement indicates the progress made by the co-operative movement in the State during the year :—

	Particulars	*1949-50*	*1950-51*
		Rs.	Rs.
1	Number of Co-operative Societies	5,130	5,190
2	Number of members ...	4,70,360	5,01,231
3	Paid-up share capital ...	1,21,47,569	1,38,74,272
4	Deposits held ...	1,96,55,847	2,14,98,143
5	Loans from Central Financing Institutions excluding Land Mortgage Bank ...	81,96,723	1,78,31,025
6	Loans from Government (Primary, Central and Urban) Societies,...	2,60,886	12,13,623
7	Reserve Fund	51,14,595	54,53,138
8	Other Funds	16,27,602	16,43,208
9	Total Working Capital ...	5,41,19,780	6,90,90,904
10	Net profits	16,87,632	18,54,857
11	Total turnover	41,07,01,214	56,22,50,246
12	Loans issued during the year ...	1,84,16,968	2,34,23,311
13	Loans recovered during the year	1,50,51,442	1,73,97,302
14	Loans outstanding at the end of the year ...	3,33,67,593	3,95,28,457
15	Loans overdue at the end of the year ...	50,95,987	52,11,936

455. There has been an increase in the number of societies by 60. One hundred and twenty-eight societies were registered during the year and the registration of 68 societies was cancelled. The number of members of all the societies at the end of the year was 4,70,360. The inauguration of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies under the Rural Development Scheme has contributed to the large increase in the number of membership of the societies.

Working Capital.

456. The total working capital of all the societies amounted to Rs. 6,90,90,904 as against Rs. 5,41,19,780 in the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,49,71,124 during the year.

Deposits.

457. A sum of Rs. 6,37,21,879 was attracted by way of deposits and a sum of Rs. 6,18,79,583 was returned during the year. Deposits held at the end of the year aggregated to Rs. 2,14,98,143 as against Rs. 1,96,55,847 in the previous year. The deposits form 31·0 per cent of the working capital of all the societies.

Reserve Fund.

458. The reserve fund of all classes of societies amounted to Rs. 54,53,138 as against Rs. 51,14,595 during the previous year, the increase being Rs. 3,38,543. The reserve fund form 39·7 per cent of the paid-up share capital at the end of the year.

459. Loans were issued by the societies to their members for various purposes, Rs. 75,54,600 (Rs. 62,11,930) for productive purposes, Rs. 44,16,830 (Rs. 35,09,964) for redemption of prior debts, Rs. 22,72,430 (Rs. 16,76,477) for the construction, purchase and repairs of houses, Rs. 12,45,250 (Rs. 8,90,770) for payment of land revenue and miscellaneous expenditure, Rs. 29,41,383(Rs. 26,34,212) for trade purposes and Rs. 25,63,436 (Rs. 18,46,769) for other non-productive purposes. The total loans issued during the year amounted to Rs. 2,34,23,311 as against Rs. 1,84,16,968 in the previous year.

460. A sum of Rs. 1,24,300 was overdue in respect of the loans due to primary Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies and a sum of Rs. 9,404 was overdue in respect of loans due to the Mysore Central Co-operative Land Mortgage Bank from the Primary Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies. The loans overdue in respect of all types of societies at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 52,11,926

(Rs. 50,95,987). The net profits earned by all the societies amounted to Rs. 18,54,857 (Rs. 16,87,652).

461. There were at the end of the year, four Central Banks, *viz.*, the Mysore Provincial Co-operative Apex Bank, Ltd., Bangalore City, the Shimoga District Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Shimoga, the Mysore District Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Mysore, and the Kadur District Central Co-operative Bank, Ltd., Chikmagalur.

462. With the object of having only one Central Financing Institution to serve as a balancing centre in respect of all the Primary Societies in the State, action was taken to wind up the affairs of the other District Financing Institutions which have ceased working.

463. The Mysore Provincial Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bangalore City is the pivot of Co-operative Finance in the State and is the sole agency for the grant of short and intermediate term credits to the Primary Co-operative Societies. True to its policy of progressively converting itself into a pure federation of societies, the Bank is reducing the number of individual share-holders and affiliating more number of primary societies, the number of societies so affiliated being 1902 (1,475). With a view to secure expert opinion and advice on the Board of Management, the amendments to rule 32 of the Rules under Mysore Co-operative Societies Act governing the constitution of the Board were approved by Government. Five members have been accordingly nominated to the Board, including the President for a period of three years. The loans outstanding at the end of the year amounted to Rs. 37,96,038 as against Rs. 30,31,489 in the previous year. The increase in the amount of loans outstanding during the year was due to the grant of loans to the House Building, Marketing and other credit societies. The fluid resources of the Bank amounted to Rs. 10,29,506 against an aggregate deposit of Rs. 47,65,626 due by the Bank at the end of the year. The question of starting the branches of the Bank in District Headquarters was under consideration. There were at the end of the year two branches, one at Shimoga and another at Mysore.

Agricultural Societies.

464. The number of primary Agricultural Societies was 4,125 (4,161) (excluding the 79 Land Mortgage Societies and one Land Mortgage Bank). Of these (excluding Land Mortgage Co-operative Societies), 2,629 were ordinary credit societies, 1,444 were purchase and sales societies inclusive of 828 Rural Development Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies, 11 production and sales societies, 16 production (*cum* co-operative farming) societies and 25 grain banks. The membership of these Societies rose from 2,82,680 to 2,88.581, the paid-up share capital from Rs. 46,23,407 to Rs. 51,27,530 and the working capital from Rs. 91,93,394 to Rs. 1.02,49,100. They issued loans amounting to Rs. 40,45,588 and recovered Rs 36,78,804 as against Rs. 27,20,303 and Rs. 28,87,735 respectively during last year. The overdue loans totalled to Rs. 11,50,600.

Marketing Societies.

465. There were 88 (89) Marketing Co-operative societies at the end of the year. They had a membership of 13,663, a share capital of Rs. 3,57,862 and their working capital amounted to Rs. 35,64,256.

466. The Mysore Provincial Co-operative Marketing Society, Ltd., Bangalore, has been popular among the societies. It is serving as a direct link between the Producers' Societies on the one hand and the consumers' societies on the other. The society is dealing in coffee seeds, iron, implements, manure, kamblies and other products supplied by the Government Industrial Concerns in the State. Its total purchases and sales during the year amounted to Rs. 17,23,471 and Rs. 17,53,419 respectively.

467. The Malnad Areca Marketing Co-operative Society, Ltd., Shimoga, had a membership of 2,514, a paid-up share capital of Rs. 77,042 and a working capital to Rs. 14,80,002. The total turnover of the Society amounted to Rs. 3,74,25,872 as against Rs. 2,53,85,819 in the previous year. The question of opening sales- emporia at Hyderabad and Gadag was under consideration.

Non-agricultural societies

468. There were 973 (894) societies at the end of the year. Their membership aggregated to 1,78,946. They had a paid-up share capital of Rs. 67,68,314 and deposit of Rs. 1,47,48,464, Reserve Fund of Rs. 33,41,947 and a total working capital of Rs. 3,49,87,094. Their working resulted in a net profit of Rs. 8,89,762. These institutions consist

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of 611 credit societies (including House Building Societies, Ladies' Societies and Depressed Class Societies), 221 consumers' societies and 22 miscellaneous types of societies.

469. There were 103 House Building Societies at the end of the year.

470. The Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Corporation, Limited, Bangalore, was started on 28th August 1950 with the object of concerting several measures not only for undertaking construction of houses but also for financing the housing enterprise through affiliated primary House Building Societies.

Employees' Societies.

471. The number of this class of societies was 172. Many of them did banking and stores work. They had a membership of 27,275 and a paid-up share capital of Rs. 8,09,308. Their total working capital amounted to Rs. 53,21,011 and their working resulted in a net profit of Rs. 1,02,087. These institutions continued to render valuable services to their members by undertaking distribution of rationed and other articles.

472. The number of societies the committees of which were superseded was 23 at the beginning of the year. The committee of management of three societies was superseded during the year bringing the total to 26.

Multipurpose Co-operative Societies.

437. The scheme of Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies is part and parcel of the new Rural Development set up for the emancipation of the rural folk. The whole State is divided into 746 Revenue Circles, each covering a group of 20 to 25 villages and each circle is the headquarters of circle Multi-purpose co-operative societies. A Taluk Multi-purpose co-operative society was started at each Taluk Headquarters acting as a wholesale distributor to all Circle Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies and as a co-ordinating and supervising agency. There were at the end of the year 82 Taluk and 746 Circle Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies. They had an aggregate membership of 1,79,706, a paid-up share capital of Rs. 29,98,877, deposits of Rs. 7,32,187 and a total working capital of Rs. 46,08,536. The total turnover amounted to Rs. 10,65,76,483 and the net profits earned amounted to Rs. 8,65,840. The phenomenal success of these societies is due mainly

to the several concessions granted by Government, besides the keen interest evinced by the people in the scheme.

474. The Government of India gave a sum Rs. 2,20,000 as grants-in-aid to Co-operative Farming Societies under the Food Bonus Scheme for 1950-51 for utilisation towards farming operations. There were 16 Co-operative Farming Societies at the end of the year with a membership of 875 and a paid-up share capital of Rs. 9,067. Including the Government subventions, their working capital amounted to Rs. 1,69,500. Lands to the extent of nearly 2,200 acres were brought under cultivation and the value of total yield amounted to Rs. 46,460. They earned a net profit of Rs. 7,680 during the year,

Acts and Rules.

475. Rule 32 of the Rules under the Mysore Co-operative Societies Act was further amended under the Mysore Co-operative Societies Act, with regard to reconstitution of the Board of Management of the Apex Bank.

476. The 27th Mysore Provincial Co-operative Conference was held during December 1950 at Mysore. The Mysore Provincial Co-operative Institute arranged training classes at Bangalore, Mysore and Tumkur for the purpose of training the personnel required for the management of Multipurpose Co-operative Societies and other co-operative societies. The Institute has been publishing a weekly journal entitled "Mysore Sahakara Patrike" on co-operation which has a wide circulation among co-operative societies. The International Co-operators' Day was celebrated in a befitting manner throughout the State on the first Saturday of November 1950.

477. With a view to arrange for the prompt and effective audit of the transactions of the Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies, Government have sanctioned the appointment of a special audit staff consisting of one Chief Auditor of the status of an Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies and 18 Audit Inspectors with 19 peons attached to them at a cost of Rs. 54,038. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies continued to be the Commissioner for Rural Development also during the period with a view to co-ordinate effectively the activities of both the Departments.